

Strengthening of the Customs System

GUATEMALA

SECTOR: Planning & Reform

NAME OF PROJECT: Strengthening of the Customs System
(828/OC-GU)

TOTAL COST: \$1.65 million

FINANCING:

IDB	\$1.40 million(Intermediate Financing Facility)
LOCAL	\$0.25 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: November 9, 1994

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The objective of this technical cooperation is to assist the government of Guatemala in designing and carrying out a program to modernize and strengthen the Customs Bureau.

The program includes measures to: (a) update and standardize customs rules and regulations governing operations and organization; (b) review and institute a new organization for the customs system in both organizational and functional terms; (c) review and institute streamlined and reliable procedures for foreign trade in line with the country's fiscal targets; (d) train officials in all areas required for efficient performance of customs functions; and (e) review the computer-based system in order to install a system that is capable of processing and providing timely and reliable

information and automate customs procedures.

CONSULTANTS:

The following consultants are required:

(a) international consultants: a customs specialist who will be the technical advisor for the program (24 months); an expert in information processing systems (12 months); an expert in merchandise valuation (three months); an expert in the design of databases on international prices (six months); an expert in harmonized customs systems (three months); an expert in merchandise origins (two months); a customs specialist experienced in international agreements or integration processes (two months); and (b) local consultants: a program coordinator (26 months); four systems analysts (48 months); four programmers (60 months); experts in organization and methods (30 months); an expert in customs legislation (30 months); a training specialist (24 months); and an expert in human resources (12 months).

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT:

The Ministry of Public Finance will procure the following equipment: (a) computers: two 586 computers with 64 Mb of random access memory, two hard disks rated at 2 gigabytes, multiple ports, six hard disks rated at 1 gigabyte, 20 terminals, 10 printers, data bases, software and cables and hookups; and (b) laboratory equipment: one UV-Vis spectrophotometer, a pH (hydrogen ion) meter, a stereoscopic microscope, scales, heating ovens and centrifuges.

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